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SUBJ: SUIT AGAINST NATIONAL STEEL COMPANY COULD

THREATEN U.S. COAL EXPORTS

1. COMMATT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT PORTUGUESE NATIONAL STEEL COMPANY (EXPRESA NACIONAL SIDERUGICA (SN) S.A.R.L.), RUA BRAAM-CAMP 7, LISBON AND MESTA MACHINE COMPANY, P.O. BOX 1466, PITTSBURGH, PA, ARE BEING SUED FOR \$6,000 BY CANTON RAILROAD COMPANY, 300 WATER ST., BALTIMORE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DEMURRAGE CHARGES ON SHIPMENT OF U.S. COKING COAL DURING AUTUMN 1974. STEEL COMPANY HAS BEEN SUMMONED TO APPEAR IN COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BALTIMORE ON OCTOBER 40 FILE NUMBER BQORRIN DBKET 1976, FOLIO 129). ACCORDING LONG-TIME UK AGENT FOR U.S. EXPORTERS SHIPPING COAL TO SN, THERE WAS MIX-UP IN SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS AND VESSEL SAILINGS, BUT SN PURCHASED SHIPMENT ON C&F BASIS AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE LIABLE FOR DEMURRAGE CHARGES. SN HAS NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY CANTON RAILROAD OR MESTA AS FAR AS AGENT IS AWARE.

2. SN PRESENTLY REVIEWING OFFERS FOR 1977-1981 COAL PURCHASES AND U.S. SUPPLIERS HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR PROPOSALS SEVERAL OTHER FIRMS, INCLUDING POLISH NATIONAL COMPANY, HAVE MADE BIDS AND AGENT FOR U.S. FIRM CONCERNED THAT SUMMONS COULD PREJUDICE U.S. CHANCES.

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3. EMBASSY COULD APPRECIATE DOC CONTACTING CANTTZ

RAILROAD COMPANY AND MESTA ASAP TO REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO ADVISE THEM OF POSSIBLE THREAT TO FUTURE U.S. EXPORTS OF SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF COKING COAL. WOULD APPRECIATE ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION.
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